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Angel v. Louisiana State Board of Education
(Sowela Trade School Case)

A week before last I telephoned Mr. A. P. Tureaud in New Orleans who represents the plaintiffs in the Angel case to advise him of our plans to proceed against the defendants for contempt.

Mr. Tureaud told me that on June 13, 1962, he wrote to the directors of each of the trade schools involved in the Angel suit, as well as to the Attorney General of Louisiana, asking that they implement Judge Wright's order of May 24, 1960. The letter told them that Tureaud would be compelled to take legal action unless they changed their policy in compliance with the court order. A week or so after the letter was sent, George Ponder of the State Attorney General's Office telephoned Tureaud stating that a meeting of the State Board of Education would be held within the next few days and asking that Tureaud hold off any action until the Board had a chance to act. Tureaud has not heard anything further since Ponder's phone call, and he intends to follow up in the next few days.

Mr. Tureaud told me that he has received complaints from five Negroes refused admission to the trade school in St. Helena, four from Crowley, two from St. Landry and two from Lake Charles. He has had no complaints relating to the trade school in Natchitoches. There have been no applicants to the Shreveport Trade School since the court order. He said that Jesse Stone, attorney, 854 1/2 Texas Avenue, Shreveport, phone: 425-2721, might have more current information regarding the Shreveport school.

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